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**Subject:** Sea Grant Forums R6-DRAFT talking points v 3.0 and Data summary  
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Susan/Craig,  
ValMichael did a great job on this, attached document for the Sea Grant . Suggest you look at it and forward to David Gray if you concur. I ma need to be shortened to 2 pages: Talking points, Data summary. But it's so complete I wouldn't know what to take out.

Note Slidell, LA meeting is June 1.

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▼ DRAFT talking points v 3.0

**DRAFT talking points v 3.0** 

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Cc: John Martin

Althea,

Please see changes you recommended to the attached document.  
Data summary is current up through May 29, 2010.



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ValMichael,

I'm attaching my edits to the talking points you developed. I also think the data summary we give to these should be simpler than the one we usually develop for distribution internally. Remember the audience is the public, they don't necessarily understand tables and charts. May I suggest the following format:

Water samples:

Number collected to date

Sampling for: pre-impact conditions, post impact -constituents of petroleum and dispersants

narrative summary of results: cut and paste from EPA web page

Air samples

Number of samples collected to date

Sampling for:??

Narrative summary of results:cut and paste from EPA web page

Air Monitoring

Continuously monitoring since "date"

Monitoring for

Narrative summary of results

TAGA

Monitoring since "date"

Monitoring for

Narrative summary of results

Aspect

Monitoring since:

Etc, etc

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**DRAFT talking points v. 2.0**

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**Issue: DeepWater Horizon Incident – EPA Region 6 Response**

**Background/Status:** On April 20, 2010 an explosion and fire occurred at the DeepWater Horizon rig approximately 50 miles SE off the coast of Venice, Louisiana. The rig sunk two days later resulting in the oil spill currently seen in the Gulf. Since April 28<sup>th</sup> EPA has been actively involved in providing assistance to the Unified Command Structure.

**Message**

- EPA has deployed dozens of scientists and engineers to the Gulf Coast who monitoring the environment by air, land, and sea with boats in the water, mobile laboratories on the ground (i.e. TAGA), and our ASPECT aircraft.
- Air quality testing has revealed that ozone and particulates are in the normal range for this time of year
- To date, 447 air samples (285 summa canisters, 162 PM 2.5 samples), 157 water samples and 71 sediment samples
- A new method has just been researched and approved to analyze chemical dispersants used during the oil spill and we expect to have the data available within the week
- As this oil slick approaches and reaches the shoreline, EPA has been preparing to ramp up its efforts as necessary to respond to a broad range of environmental impacts

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